

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION MAINE LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION 22 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0022

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT B TO ZONING PETITION ZP 372 AND AMENDED PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN SADDLEBACK, INC. AND SADDLEBACK LAND & TIMBER CORPORATION, SANDY RIVER AND DALLAS PLANTATION, FRANKLIN COUNTY

**PURPOSE:** The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will hold a public hearing on a Amendment B to Zoning Petition ZP 372 and Amended Preliminary Development Plan submitted by Saddleback, Inc. and Saddleback Land & Timber Corporation. The petition proposes to rezone an additional 1,898 acres of Saddleback Land & Timber Corporation's 8,087 acre parcel to the existing 1,960 acre Saddleback Ski Area (D-PD) Planned Development Subdistrict. The rezoning is intended to increase housing and lodging availability, expand the variety of skiing, and promote the facility as a four-season resort during the next ten years. The 1,898 acre parcel to be rezoned surrounds the current D-PD and expands the D-PD along Saddleback Mountain Road, No Name Nubble and into the West Bowl.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the petitioner/applicant, interested groups and the general public the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to whether the proposal meets the statutory criteria for approval under provisions of 12 M.R.S.A., Section 685-A (8-A) and 685-B(4), the Commission's criteria for review under provisions of its <u>Land Use Districts and Standards</u>, Sections 10.08, 10.09, and 10.21,G.

DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2007

**PLACE:** The Rangeley Inn, Main Street, Rangeley, Maine

**TIME:** Staff presentation, Petitioner and Intervenor testimony from 2:00-5:00 PM with the public comment period

starting at 6:00 PM.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** All interested persons are invited to attend and offer testimony that would have a bearing on this proposal. The public is not required to submit written testimony before the hearing, nor file Petitions to Intervene, in order to testify. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony.

Persons interested in seeking Intervenor status in this matter must file a <u>Petition to Intervene</u> with the Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (5 M.R.S.A., Chapter 375) and Chapter 5 of the Commission's rules <u>by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2007</u>. The Commission will act on any such petitions at the Commission Meeting April 4, 2007.

The hearing record will remain open until <u>Monday April 23, 2007</u>, to allow interested persons to file written statements with the Commission, and for an additional 7 days until <u>Monday, April 30, 2007</u> to allow interested persons to file written statements in rebuttal of statements filed during the previous 10 day period. The record of the hearing will then close.

Written comments should be sent to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0022. Comments may also be submitted through e-mail to Emily. Walsh@maine.gov.

**DISABILITIES:** Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to inform the Commission in advance so that arrangements can be made for services they may require

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** A full copy of the petition to rezone and permit application may be viewed at the Commission's regional office in Rangeley (207-864-5064) or at the Commission's main office in Augusta (207-287-2631) (TTY 207-287-2213). To view the petition or application, please call the respective office in advance. Persons having questions may contact Emily Walsh at (207) 287-4194 or at <a href="mailto:Emily.Walsh@maine.gov">Emily.Walsh@maine.gov</a>

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** The hearing will be held under authority of 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 206-A and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings.

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